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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT.

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

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Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 29th, 1885.

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*Item.* I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of — dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the treasurer of said institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the humane purposes of said institution.

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|                          |                             |
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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

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## FREE BED FUND.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1874—Henry Farnam,                | \$5,000 |
| 1874—Wm. Fitch,                   | 5,000   |
| 1874—James E. English,            | 5,000   |
| 1878—Ellen M. Gifford,            | 5,000   |
| 1881-83—Henry Bronson,            | 10,000  |
| 1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,   | 5,000   |
| 1883—The Rose A. Porter Free Bed, | 1,000   |

## PERMANENT FUND.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 1877—Irene Larned,        | \$5,000 |
| 1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss, | 5,000   |

\* Deceased.



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

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The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-eighth annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee :

The past year has been an active one for the hospital, both in the number of patients and in the severity of the cases treated. It has also been marked by a number of improvements both in the organization of the work and in the equipment.

The year began with 125 patients in the building ; during the twelve months that followed there were admitted 748, making a total of 873 under treatment throughout the whole year. The number remaining under treatment December 31st was 124, and the average for the whole year was 115.7.

This is an increase over the average for 1883 of about four patients—a somewhat slower growth than has been customary for the past five years, as the following table of averages shows :

|                  |                  |      |                   |      |       |
|------------------|------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1879             | 1880             | 1881 | 1882              | 1883 | 1884  |
| 67 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 81 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 89   | 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 112  | 115.7 |

We find, however, that, though the increase in the average has been only 3.6 per cent. during the past year, the increase in the number of admissions has been 4.4 per cent., which indicates a greater activity in the work of the hospital, and consequently a greater number of acute cases.

The increasing number of acute cases in the hospital is also shown by the average number of weeks occupied by each patient for the last five years. We find this to have been in

|      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1880 | 1881 | 1882 | 1883 | 1884 |
| 8.2  | 7.1  | 7.8  | 7.2  | 6.8  |

The increase in our average would undoubtedly have been greater, if we had not constantly sent those soldier patients who did not require active treatment to the Fitch Home at Noroton. Since the opening of the Bridgeport Hospital, we have also sent a few to that institution.

The largest number of patients on any one day was 136, and the smallest 100. There have been during the year 22 births and 107 deaths. The number of births is exactly the same as in 1883, but the number of deaths is very much greater, there having been in that year only 83.

Our finances for the year have reflected very strikingly the changes which have been noticed in the movement of the population of the hospital. Our current receipts amounted to \$36,038.20; our current expenses, not counting the amount paid towards the improvements in ventilation but counting in the other expenditures for repairs and improvements, amounted to \$39,647.73; making a loss in the year's business of \$3,609.53. This is considerably less than the total deficit of last year, but it is greater than that deficit would have been without the unusually large outlay for special improvements and repairs. In 1883 the deficit on our running expenses alone was only \$2,270.16.

In order to explain this, we must compare the total expenses and receipts with the number of patients. We find, then, that in 1883 the average earnings per patient, leaving out of account extraordinary receipts but taking into account the State appropriation, was \$5.61, whereas in 1884 it was \$5.77. On the other hand, our average current expenses per patient per week amounted to \$6.08 in 1883, and to \$6.43 in 1884. Thus, while our average earnings increased, our average expenditures increased in still greater ratio.

The increase in our average earnings is due to the proportional increase in the number of self-paying patients. We find that the increase and decrease in the number of weeks occupied by the different classes of patients was as follows :

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Marine patients, —.019   | State soldiers, —.16        |
| Town patients, +.046     | Self-paying patients, +.252 |
| Free-bed patients, +.704 | Charity patients, 0         |

In other words, while our town patients have increased very slightly, and our State soldier patients have actually fallen off in numbers, our self-paying patients have increased about .25 per cent., and although the number of patients taken on free beds has increased in a still greater ratio, their aggregate numbers are so small as to make the loss of little account in the total receipts for the year. It is owing to the disproportionate increase in self-paying patients, therefore, that our current earnings have been greater than in 1883. This, it is true, is partly counterbalanced by the

fact that our average weekly receipts from the self-paying patients were only \$6.75 while they were \$7.12 in 1883, because a comparatively smaller number of patients occupied private rooms and a comparatively greater number were placed in the wards. But the loss due to this cause was more than made good by the increase in the total number of private patients.

To explain the increase in our expenses we must make a careful examination of the amount expended per patient per week for the various items. These figures for the last four years are as follows :

|   | 1881   | 1882   | 1883   | 1884   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Food,   | \$3.18 | \$3.40 | \$2.90 | \$2.98 |
| Furniture, bedding, and<br>current repairs,           | .27    | .40    | .29    | .45    |
| All other items except<br>extraordinary improvements, | 2.91   | 2.89   | 2.89   | 3.00   |
| Total,  | \$6.37 | \$6.70 | \$6.08 | \$6.43 |

Thus, as compared with last year, each category of our expense account shows an increase. The increase in our per capita expenditure for food is not due to an increase in the cost of living, as the average cost of feeding an inmate of the hospital was just the same in 1884 that it was in 1883 ; but it is due to the fact that the number of attendants and nurses has increased more rapidly than the number of patients, and that, therefore, the consumption of food is greater in proportion to the patients. The number of attendants has increased during the year 14 per cent., while the number of patients has increased only 3.6 per cent. The large expenditure for furniture, bedding, and repairs, is due mainly to the outlay made for extending the little pavilion, for repainting the medical board room, and for some work connected with the improvements in ventilation which ought, properly speaking, to be classed among extraordinary expenditures. The increase in the remaining items is due, in the main, to an increased expenditure for instruments, surgical dressings, and liquors. The increase in these items is due simply to the fact that we have had a larger proportion of severe cases than in previous years.

The prudential committee has prepared a table showing the cost per patient of the principal items of expenditure, which will be appended to this report and which will furnish the details upon which these statements are based.\* We will only call attention to the fact that while the price of flour, bread, and crackers, butter,

\* This table was presented at the annual meeting, but is not printed with this report.

poultry, eggs, and milk, has fallen during the past year, the per capita consumption of some of the most expensive articles of diet, such as meat, poultry, eggs, and butter, has increased. This is because we had so many very sick patients requiring special diet. The per capita outlay for salaries and wages has diminished very perceptibly during the past five years, but has increased a little during the past year on account of the necessity of employing a clerk in the superintendent's office and additional ward masters, our former force having been quite inadequate and the superintendent having been greatly in need of some relief in the office work.

The following table indicates for each of the five past years the loss per patient per week on current earnings and expenses :

|               | 1880   | 1881   | 1882   | 1883   | 1884   |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Earnings,     | \$5.57 | \$5.85 | \$5.72 | \$5.61 | \$5.77 |
| Expenditures, | 6.55   | 6.37   | 6.70   | 6.08   | 6.43   |
| Difference,   | \$0.98 | \$0.52 | \$0.98 | \$0.47 | \$0.66 |

If we look at the distribution of this loss among the different classes of patients, we find that, as usual, the bulk of it falls upon town and State patients. Both on marine patients and on the self-paying patients we make a profit, as the sums that they pay are greater than the average cost of maintaining them. The government pays for marines \$7 a week, and private patients, as has been stated, have paid on an average \$6.75 a week. The State soldier patients, who are paid for by the State at the rate of \$5.50 a week, cost us 93 cents a week more than they pay, which makes a total loss upon the number of soldier patients in the hospital during the past year of \$1,243.41. The town patients, who are paid for at the rate of only \$4 a week, cost us \$2.43 more than we receive. Part of this is made up by the annual appropriation of \$5,000, but even allowing for this sum our net loss on this class of patients was during the year 1884 \$1,675.21. There seems to be no logical reason for any loss at all on these classes of patients. The appropriation was originally intended not only to make up for low rates but to help the hospital, and the appropriation is, we believe, still thought by a large number of people to be a bonus, which we receive from the State and which justifies the name "State Hospital," formerly applied to this institution. In point of fact, our connection with the State caused us last year a loss altogether of \$2,918.62, and we cannot but feel that it is an injus-



tice to the self-paying patients, who are most of them poor, that they should be obliged to pay full rates, while the State and towns receive a large discount. Two years ago the rates for soldier patients were raised through the efforts of the prudential committee from \$4.50 to \$5.50, and we think that it is only just that they should again be raised to such a point that the hospital will not suffer a loss from the patronage of the State. It should be remembered that when the low rates for soldier patients were originally made, most of those who were sent to the hospital were in need of very little medical treatment and simply used the place as a home ; but all cases that are received now require active treatment and demand just as much care and attention as any others.

The deficit on our current business does not necessarily represent a deficit in the treasury, as we have two sources of income that are not accounted for in the superintendent's books, the contributions of Hospital Sunday and the income from our invested funds. Both of these will be given in detail in the report of the treasurer.

The hospital has been during the past year the recipient of a number of generous gifts. Miss Julia M. Olmsted left us in her will a legacy of \$1,000, and a gentleman not residing in New Haven, who especially desired that his name should not be mentioned, made us a present of \$1,000, while another gentleman has given anonymously \$900, to be used for the general purposes of the hospital. A check for \$500 was also received by the prudential committee from Mrs. J. S. Griffing to be used according to their discretion, and they decided to turn it over to the special improvement fund. Besides these we have obtained subscriptions to the special improvement fund amounting to \$3,950, of which \$2,000 have already been paid.

To all of these generous benefactors we desire to express our sincere thanks.

The permanent fund has been increased during the past year by the investment, under the direction of the finance committee, of \$6,938.00, the greater part of which was contributed in 1883.

At the annual meeting of 1884 the prudential committee were appointed a committee of conference to meet the managers of the Connecticut Training School for Nurses, and confer with them regarding the advisability of revising the agreement between the two institutions. The result of their negotiations was that the



training school agreed to add to its regular corps five ward head nurses, to be chosen from those pupils who have had at least one year's training in the school, and to be kept in the position of ward head nurses from four to six months. The number of nurses to be allowed the training school was arranged at the same time on a sliding scale. The number, instead of being fixed, is to be in the proportion of one to every five patients in the hospital, with six additional nurses to meet the various demands for private cases, for the diet kitchen, maternity cases, and the isolating cottages. This arrangement, though it increases somewhat the number of nurses to be boarded by the hospital, very greatly increases the efficiency of the nursing service according to the unanimous verdict of the attending physicians, as expressed by them in their annual report. While commending the new system, we cannot but express our appreciation of the skill and devotion, with which it is put into execution, and the whole work of nursing carried on by Miss Creemer, who was appointed lady superintendent of the training school during the year.

The ventilation of the hospital, which has for so many years been an unsolved problem, was again brought up at the annual meeting in January, 1884, and has, it is believed, at last been settled. At that time the directors appointed a ventilating committee, consisting of Dr. Francis Bacon, Dr. Moses C. White, and the prudential committee. This committee thought best not to incur any expense or to propose any plans before obtaining the views of the best expert that could be found. They accordingly consulted with Professor William P. Trowbridge of the Columbia School of Mines, who very cheerfully offered to make a complete plan for the ventilation, and to give his services in the matter gratuitously to the hospital. Under his direction a system was elaborated and, after having been accepted by the board of directors, was constructed and is now nearly ready to be put in operation.

This plan consists in drawing the air from the wards through ducts down to air chambers in the cellar and expelling it through the old ventilating shafts at the extremities of the building. The ducts are constructed according to a plan originally suggested by Dr. Moses C. White. They are made of sheet iron and are run along the ceilings of the first and second story wards like a cornice. The duct in each ward is connected by tin-lined branches, with openings in the ward immediately above, one of these open-

ings being placed at the head of each bed near the floor. The wards on the first story are ventilated through ducts running in the cellar and having openings in the floor directly under the beds. To ensure perfect circulation of air, the hot air registers have been raised to a height of about seven feet from the floors of the wards, and in the mansards coils of steam pipes are to be placed under each of the windows in such a way as to ensure a constant supply of fresh heated air.

The result is that the hot air will, under the new system, be supplied about midway between the ceiling and the floor of the wards and, after having become vitiated, will be drawn off near the floor. It will then be led through the ducts to upright shafts at the ends of the building and from there down to air chambers in the cellar, from which it will be expelled through the ventilating shafts by Blackman fans. Two fans are necessary for this purpose, one situated in each of the ventilating shafts. The motive power for the fans is supplied by two four-horse-power Bigelow engines. The steam is furnished by a twenty-horse-power Bigelow boiler which has been placed in the laundry cellar. This boiler is made large enough to furnish power for both of the engines at present used and for an additional seven-horse-power engine, should one be placed in the laundry. In addition to this, it does all the heating formerly done by the laundry furnace.

This system is intended to furnish for each person 2,000 cubic feet of air an hour, thus giving a constant supply of fresh material for breathing. After the annual meeting the members of the hospital society will be invited to inspect the practical working of the machinery.

The whole of the work, with the exception of a few details which did not admit of being accurately calculated, and of the steam coils which are now being placed in the mansard, has been done by contract. The mason work has been performed by Chatfield & Grant, the carpenter's work by George Rockwell, and the iron work by T. W. Corbett. The boiler and engines have been furnished by H. B. Bigelow & Co. We take pleasure in stating that the Bigelow Company, in making their estimate, not only put their price much below the catalogue rates, but offered in addition a donation of \$50 to the hospital. The contract price of the whole, including the fans, amounts to \$3,515.00.

Though the expense of this ventilating system has been considerable, we feel that it is fully justified, and that it has been

executed with thoroughness and at reasonable rates by the contractors. The hospital has of late been so crowded that we have felt it absolutely necessary to improve the ventilation as a safeguard against hospitalism and epidemics. This danger we think the new system of ventilation removes as far as possible.

Among the minor improvements that have been made may be mentioned the re-painting and re-furnishing of the medical board room, whose shabbiness had for several years excited the criticisms of our friends, and the erection of an addition to the small pavilion in order to provide for a paint shop outside of the hospital proper. This was done in pursuance of a recommendation of the board of visitors, and lessens, we believe, very considerably, the fire risk. We have also purchased a 14x16 tent, which can be used in summer to accommodate patients requiring isolation, when the pavilions are full.

The need of a new building has been spoken of so often, both in the annual reports of the directors and in the quarterly reports of the prudential committee, that it seems superfluous to urge our needs in this direction any more. During the past year the prudential committee, judging it to be impossible to raise enough money to put up a brick addition, such as is plainly desirable, set themselves to work to obtain plans for a one-story wooden building, to contain a ward of twenty-two beds, and the necessary dining-room, bath-rooms, closets, etc., as well as an accident room.

The design which they have recommended for this purpose can probably be carried out at an expense of \$7,500. The ventilating will cost about \$3,500. They have accordingly endeavored to raise ten or eleven thousand dollars to cover the expense of these two objects. Subscriptions to the extent of \$4,450 have thus far been received, and an anonymous gift of one thousand dollars is in the treasury and can be appropriated to this object, if necessary. This would leave \$5,500 more to be raised in order to cover the whole expense contemplated. It seems a small sum to ask of the people of New Haven for such an object, and we feel that there ought to be no difficulty in raising what is needed before spring, in order that we may at once proceed with the building in the early summer.

In closing, it gives us pleasure to testify again to our appreciation of the ability, industry, and fidelity of the superintendent and of the officers of the hospital under him. We are indebted in a

more than usual degree this year to the boards of visitors, both of whom have been most regular and systematic in their work, and from both of whom we have received valuable suggestions with regard to the hospital. To those who have contributed towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and the Christmas tree, and who have sent other donations throughout the year, we wish to express our grateful acknowledgments. Our thanks are due in an especial degree to those who have given not only money but time and strength to the service of the sick ; to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel ; and to the singers who, under the direction of Miss Alice Wilson, have come to the hospital every Sunday afternoon and delighted the patients with their music.

For the Board of Directors,

HENRY W. FARNAM,  
WILLIAM H. CARMALT,  
THOMAS HOOKER,

*Prudential Committee.*

NEW HAVEN, January 29, 1885.

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At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the General Hospital Society held January 30, 1885, the following vote was passed :

*Resolved*, That in recognition of the generosity of Dr. Henry Bronson in contributing to the funds of the hospital, and in further commemoration of the services of his son, the late Dr. S. Henry Bronson, ward No. 1 west be named the "Bronson Ward."



## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

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*To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN—The medical board believe that the year past has been productive of good and efficient work on their part.

An increase of the active service in the hospital seems to require the appointment of a fourth member of the house staff.

The board take pleasure in testifying to their satisfaction with the nursing as at present rendered, and to its increased efficiency since the appointment of assistant head nurses in each ward.

In behalf of the medical board,

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

SAMUEL D. GILBERT,  
*Secretary Medical Board.*

NEW HAVEN, January 12, 1885.



## MEDICAL STATISTICS.

### SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1884.

|                                     |   |                             |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Abscesses:                          |   | Contractions:               |   |
| abdominal wall.....                 | 2 | from burns.....             | 3 |
| back.....                           | 2 | cicatricial.....            | 1 |
| facial.....                         | 3 | Contusions:                 |   |
| foot.....                           | 1 | back.....                   | 3 |
| gluteal.....                        | 1 | chest.....                  | 1 |
| palmar.....                         | 1 | Cystitis.....               | 7 |
| perineal.....                       | 1 | Dermatitis venenata.....    | 1 |
| psoas.....                          | 1 | Dislocations:               |   |
| Amaurosis.....                      | 1 | clavicle.....               | 1 |
| Aneurism:                           |   | elbow, compound.....        | 1 |
| femoral.....                        | 1 | knee, ".....                | 1 |
| popliteal.....                      | 2 | patella, chronic.....       | 1 |
| Ankylosis:                          |   | radius.....                 | 1 |
| elbow.....                          | 1 | shoulder.....               | 1 |
| hip.....                            | 1 | " compound.....             | 1 |
| Arthritis:                          |   | Eczema.....                 | 8 |
| knee.....                           | 2 | Elephantiasis.....          | 4 |
| shoulder.....                       | 1 | Epididymitis.....           | 4 |
| Bubo.....                           | 6 | Epistaxis.....              | 2 |
| Burns.....                          | 8 | Erysipelas.....             | 3 |
| Calculus, vesical.....              | 5 | Fissures of anus.....       | 2 |
| Caries:                             |   | Fistula in ano.....         | 7 |
| palate and ethmoid, syphilitic..... | 1 | Fractures:                  |   |
| tarsus.....                         | 1 | clavicle.....               | 2 |
| Cataract:                           |   | Colles's.....               | 1 |
| senile.....                         | 3 | femur.....                  | 7 |
| traumatic.....                      | 3 | " neck of.....              | 3 |
| Cellulitis:                         |   | " and Colles's.....         | 1 |
| hand.....                           | 1 | humerus.....                | 3 |
| leg.....                            | 3 | " compound.....             | 2 |
| Chancroid.....                      | 2 | " anat. neck of, radius and |   |
| " and bubo.....                     | 4 | ulna.....                   | 1 |
| Cleft palate.....                   | 1 | nose, compound.....         | 1 |
| Concussion:                         |   | patella.....                | 4 |
| brain.....                          | 1 | phalanges.....              | 1 |
| spine.....                          | 2 | " compound.....             | 9 |

|                                    |    |  |    |
|------------------------------------|----|--|----|
| Fractures:                         |    | Panophthalmitis .....                  | 1  |
| Pott's .....                       | 7  | Pemphigus .....                        | 1  |
| radius, compound .....             | 1  | Periostitis;                           |    |
| " and ulna compound .....          | 2  | tarsus .....                           | 1  |
| ribs .....                         | 5  | tibia .....                            | 1  |
| " sternum, tibia and fibula com-   |    | Peritonitis, traumatic .....           | 1  |
| pound .....                        | 1  | Pott's disease .....                   | 4  |
| " tibia and fibula .....           | 1  | Prolapsus ani .....                    | 1  |
| scapula, compound .....            | 1  | Prostate, enlarged .....               | 1  |
| skull, base of .....               | 1  | Psoriasis .....                        | 1  |
| " compound .....                   | 1  | Pyæmia .....                           | 1  |
| tibia and fibula .....             | 4  | Pyelitis .....                         | 1  |
| " " compound .....                 | 7  | Rachitis .....                         | 1  |
| " with dislocation of fibula ..... | 1  | Retention of urine .....               | 2  |
| vertebra, dorsal .....             | 1  | Scabies .....                          | 1  |
| Frost bites:                       |    | Sprains:                               |    |
| feet .....                         | 8  | ankle .....                            | 3  |
| fingers .....                      | 11 | back .....                             | 2  |
| Gangrene:                          |    | elbow .....                            | 1  |
| senile, of foot .....              | 1  | Strictures:                            |    |
| traumatic, of foot .....           | 1  | rectum, organic .....                  | 2  |
| " of feet and hands .....          | 1  | " spasmodic .....                      | 1  |
| Genu valgum .....                  | 1  | " with ulceration, syphilitic .....    | 2  |
| " varum .....                      | 2  | urethra .....                          | 4  |
| Gonorrhœa .....                    | 4  | " with urinary fistulæ .....           | 2  |
| Granular lids .....                | 1  | Subluxation of carpus, bilateral ..... | 1  |
| Hare-lip .....                     | 1  | Syphilis .....                         | 6  |
| Hernia:                            |    | Tumors:                                |    |
| inguinal, reducible .....          | 2  | abdominal .....                        | 2  |
| " strangulated .....               | 1  | adenoma:                               |    |
| Hydrocele .....                    | 1  | face .....                             | 2  |
| Injury to eye .....                | 4  | sub-maxillary .....                    | 1  |
| Intestinal obstruction .....       | 2  | carcinoma:                             |    |
| Iritis .....                       | 3  | axillary glands .....                  | 2  |
| " and keratitis .....              | 3  | breast .....                           | 10 |
| Keratitis .....                    | 7  | neck and tongue .....                  | 2  |
| Morbus coxarius .....              | 10 | uterus and ovaries .....               | 2  |
| Necrosis:                          |    | condylomata of arms, syphilitic .....  | 2  |
| humerus .....                      | 2  | epithelioma:                           |    |
| maxilla, inferior .....            | 1  | eyelids .....                          | 1  |
| " superior .....                   | 3  | lip .....                              | 2  |
| pelvis .....                       | 1  | tongue .....                           | 1  |
| phalanges .....                    | 2  | gumma of thigh .....                   | 1  |
| ribs .....                         | 6  | hæmatoma, gluteal .....                | 1  |
| tibia .....                        | 1  | lipoma:                                |    |
| Ophthalmia, gonorrhœal .....       | 1  | back .....                             | 1  |
| Optic nerve, atrophy of .....      | 1  | hip .....                              | 1  |
| Orchitis .....                     | 4  | mons veneris and labium .....          | 1  |

|                         |   |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Tumors:                 |   | Ulcers:                 |   |
| ovarian cysts .....     | 4 | stump .....             | 2 |
| sarcoma:                |   | toe .....               | 1 |
| axilla .....            | 2 | Urethritis .....        | 1 |
| back .....              | 2 | Varicose veins .....    | 2 |
| breast .....            | 1 | Vesical atony .....     | 2 |
| face .....              | 2 | Whitlow .....           | 2 |
| scalp .....             | 1 | Wounds, gun shot:       |   |
| Ulcers:                 |   | abdominal wall .....    | 1 |
| arm .....               | 1 | jaw .....               | 1 |
| back, syphilitic .....  | 1 | nose .....              | 1 |
| cornea .....            | 1 | scalp .....             | 1 |
| foot, phagadenic .....  | 1 | thigh .....             | 1 |
| knees, syphilitic ..... | 1 | incised of throat ..... | 1 |
| leg, indolent .....     | 8 | lacerated:              |   |
| " inflamed .....        | 3 | foot .....              | 1 |
| " syphilitic .....      | 3 | hand .....              | 2 |
| " varicose .....        | 3 | toe .....               | 1 |
| scrotum .....           | 1 | urethra .....           | 1 |

## SURGICAL OPERATIONS IN 1884.

|  |    |  |  |    |
|--|----|--|--|----|
| Amputations:                             |    | Excision of sarcoma of axilla .....          |  | 1  |
| arm .....                                | 1  | "    "    of back .....                      |  | 3  |
| breast .....                             | 5  | "    tumor, gluteal .....                    |  | 1  |
| fingers .....                            | 11 | Exploration of intra-pelvic abscess .....    |  | 1  |
| forearm .....                            | 2  | Hare-lip .....                               |  | 1  |
| Hey's .....                              | 1  | Incisions, exploratory about hip joint ..... |  | 1  |
| leg .....                                | 2  | Insertion of Malgaigne's hooks .....         |  | 1  |
| Pirogoff's .....                         | 3  | Iridectomy .....                             |  | 6  |
| thigh .....                              | 1  | Ligation of hemorrhoids .....                |  | 3  |
| thumb .....                              | 1  | "    of lingual artery .....                 |  | 2  |
| toes .....                               | 4  | "    of femoral artery .....                 |  | 2  |
| tongue .....                             | 1  | Litholapaxy .....                            |  | 3  |
| Cataract, extraction of .....            | 1  | Lithotomy .....                              |  | 2  |
| "    puncture of lens for .....          | 1  | Lithotrity .....                             |  | 2  |
| Circumcision .....                       | 1  | Osteotomy for genu valgum .....              |  | 1  |
| Colotomy, lumbar .....                   | 1  | "    for ununited fracture of                |  |    |
| Dilatation of sphincter ani .....        | 1  | femur .....                                  |  | 1  |
| Division of anal fistulæ .....           | 3  | Ovariectomy .....                            |  | 3  |
| "    of sinuses of back .....            | 1  | Plastic for cicatricial contractions .....   |  | 2  |
| Divulsion of urethral stricture .....    | 1  | Sequestrotomy of humerus .....               |  | 1  |
| Enucleation of eyeball .....             | 2  | "    femur .....                             |  | 1  |
| Excision of carcinomatous glands of      |    | "    sup. maxilla .....                      |  | 3  |
| axilla .....                             | 1  | "    tibia .....                             |  | 2  |
| Excision of epithelioma of eyelids ..... | 1  | Staphylorrhaphy .....                        |  | 1  |
| "    "    "    lip .....                 | 2  | Tracheotomy .....                            |  | 1  |
| "    hip joint .....                     | 2  | Trephining skull .....                       |  | 1  |
| "    lipoma of hip .....                 | 1  |  |  |    |
| "    "    mons veneris and labium        | 1  | Total .....                                  |  | 98 |

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## MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1884.

|   |    |                                  |    |
|---|----|----------------------------------|----|
| Abortion .....                          | 1  | Fever, malarial continued .....  | 5  |
| Abscess, pulmonary .....                | 1  | “ remittent .....                | 1  |
| Alcoholism .....                        | 8  | “ typhoid .....                  | 21 |
| Anæmia .....                            | 2  | Gastritis, acute .....           | 2  |
| Aneurism of arch of aorta .....         | 1  | “ subacute .....                 | 2  |
| Angina pectoris .....                   | 1  | Hemiplegia .....                 | 10 |
| Aortic regurgitation .....              | 2  | Hæmoptysis .....                 | 1  |
| “ stenosis .....                        | 1  | Hypochondria .....               | 1  |
| Apoplexy cerebral .....                 | 5  | Hysteria .....                   | 4  |
| Asthma, spasmodic .....                 | 1  | Insolation .....                 | 1  |
| Ataxia locomotor .....                  | 4  | Malarial cachexia .....          | 5  |
| Atrophy, progressive muscular .....     | 1  | Malingering .....                | 10 |
| Bronchitis, acute .....                 | 5  | Mania, acute .....               | 2  |
| “ chronic .....                         | 4  | Melancholia .....                | 2  |
| “ chronic with asthma .....             | 2  | Meningitis .....                 | 1  |
| Carcinoma of brain .....                | 1  | Mitral regurgitation .....       | 12 |
| “ intestine .....                       | 1  | “ and aortic regurgitation ..... | 1  |
| Cephalalgia .....                       | 1  | “ regurgitation and aortic sten- |    |
| Cholera Morbus .....                    | 2  | osis .....                       | 2  |
| Cirrhosis of liver .....                | 5  | “ regurgitation and stenosis and |    |
| “ liver and kidney .....                | 1  | aortic regurgitation .....       | 1  |
| Coccydynia .....                        | 1  | “ regurgitation and stenosis and |    |
| Colic, lead .....                       | 2  | aortic regurgitation and ste-    |    |
| Colitis and proctitis, ulcerative ..... | 1  | nosis .....                      | 2  |
| Constipation .....                      | 4  | Myalgia .....                    | 2  |
| Debility, general .....                 | 11 | Nephritis, acute diffuse .....   | 2  |
| “ senile .....                          | 4  | “ chronic “ .....                | 19 |
| Delirium tremens .....                  | 3  | Neuralgia .....                  | 2  |
| Diarrhœa, acute .....                   | 2  | Neurosthenia .....               | 3  |
| “ chronic .....                         | 3  | Neuritis, multiple .....         | 4  |
| Diphtheria, convalescence from .....    | 1  | Obesity .....                    | 1  |
| Dysentery, acute .....                  | 3  | Pachymeningitis .....            | 1  |
| “ chronic .....                         | 2  | Paralysis .....                  | 3  |
| Dyspepsia .....                         | 5  | “ agitants .....                 | 2  |
| Encephalitis with degeneration of       |    | “ lead .....                     | 3  |
| heart .....                             | 1  | “ pseudo-hypertrophic mus-       |    |
| Endocarditis, chronic .....             | 1  | cular .....                      | 2  |
| Enteritis, chronic .....                | 2  | Paraplegia .....                 | 3  |
| “ with chronic diffuse ne-              |    | Perihepatitis .....              | 1  |
| phritis .....                           | 1  | Peritonitis .....                | 3  |
| Emphysema, pulmonary .....              | 1  | Pertussis .....                  | 1  |
| Empyema .....                           | 6  | Phlebitis .....                  | 1  |
| Epilepsy .....                          | 2  | Phthisis .....                   | 55 |
| Erysipelas, facial .....                | 1  | “ fibroid .....                  | 1  |
| Febricula .....                         | 1  | Pleuritis, acute .....           | 1  |
| Fever, continued .....                  | 4  | “ subacute .....                 | 4  |
| “ intermittent .....                    | 8  | Pleurodynia .....                | 1  |



|                         |    |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Pneumonia, lobar .....  | 10 | Rheumatism, gonorrheal .....            | 2   |
| “ lobular .....         | 1  | “ subacute .....                        | 9   |
| “ hydro-thorax .....    | 1  | Rheumatoid arthritis .....              | 2   |
| Poisoning, lead .....   | 2  | Sarcoma of brain .....                  | 1   |
| “ opium .....           | 2  | Sciatica .....                          | 6   |
| Polio-myelitis .....    | 5  | Sclerosis of anterior lateral column .. | 1   |
| Pregnancy .....         | 28 | Scorbutus .....                         | 2   |
| Rheumatism, acute ..... | 11 | Tonsilitis, follicular .....            | 2   |
| “ “ and endocarditis .. | 1  | Tuberculosis and empyema .....          | 1   |
| “ “ chronic diffuse ..  |    | Tumor of brain .....                    | 3   |
| “ “ nephritis .....     | 1  | Unclassified .....                      | 2   |
| “ “ pericarditis ..     | 2  |   |     |
| “ chronic .....         | 11 | Total .....                             | 426 |

## GYNÆCOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1884.

|  |   |                                       |    |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----|
| Abscess, mammary .....                 | 1 | Fungoid, degeneration of endome-      |    |
| “ pelvic .....                         | 4 | trium .....                           | 1  |
| Anteflexion with endometritis ..       | 1 | Ovarian cyst .....                    | 2  |
| Carcinoma of uterus .....              | 5 | Perineum, lacerated .....             | 1  |
| Cervix elongated and malplaced rec-    |   | “ “ and cervix lac-                   |    |
| tum .....                              | 1 | erated .....                          | 5  |
| “ lacerated and granular erosion ..    | 7 | Peritonitis and cellulitis, pelvic .. | 8  |
| Endometritis, cervical .....           | 1 | “ chronic pelvic .....                | 1  |
| “ chronic .....                        | 2 | Prolapse and lacerated cervix .....   | 1  |
| “ “ with granular                      |   | Retroflexion and endometritis .....   | 2  |
| erosion .....                          | 1 | Retroversion and neurasthenia .....   | 1  |
| Fibroma of uterus .....                | 2 | “ “ endometritis .....                | 2  |
| Fistula recto-vaginal and stricture of |   | “ “ prolapse .....                    | 1  |
| rectum .....                           | 1 | Septicæmia puerperal .....            | 1  |
| “ utero-vesical .....                  | 1 | Total .....                           | 48 |

## GYNÆCOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING 1884.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Cancer of uterus, excision of .....  | 1  |
| Colporrhaphy .....                   | 1  |
| Fibroma of uterus, enucleation of .. | 1  |
| Perineorrhaphy .....                 | 1  |
| “ immediate .....                    | 8  |
| “ and trachelorrhaphy .....          | 3  |
| Trachelorrhaphy .....                | 3  |
| Total .....                          | 18 |



## NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

|                |   |              |   |                 |   |
|----------------|---|--------------|---|-----------------|---|
| January .....  | 3 | May .....    | 2 | September ..... | 1 |
| February ..... | 4 | June .....   | 2 | October .....   | 2 |
| March .....    | 1 | July .....   | 0 | November .....  | 0 |
| April .....    | 2 | August ..... | 4 | December .....  | 1 |
| Total, .....   |   |              |   | 22              |   |

Prepared by

GEO. FRED LEWIS, M.D., *House Physician.*

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

|  |   |   |     |
|--|---|---|-----|
| Aneurism, arch of aorta .....                        | 1 | Mitral regurgitation, cirrhosis of liver and nephritis .....      | 1   |
| Apoplexy, cerebral .....                             | 2 | Mitral regurgitation, and stenosis and aortic regurgitation ..... | 2   |
| “ pulmonary .....                                    | 1 | Morbus coxarius .....   | 2   |
| Bronchitis, capillary .....                          | 1 | Nephritis, acute .....  | 1   |
| Burns .....  | 4 | “ chronic .....   | 5   |
| Calculus, renal .....                                | 1 | “ “ with fatty degeneration of liver and heart .....              | 1   |
| “ vesical .....                                      | 2 | Nephritis, chronic with mitral regurgitation .....                | 2   |
| Carcinoma of breast .....                            | 2 | Ovariectomy .....   | 1   |
| “ uterus .....                                       | 1 | Pachymeningitis .....   | 1   |
| “ “ and ovaries .....                                | 2 | Paraplegia .....  | 2   |
| Cirrhosis of liver and kidneys .....                 | 1 | Peritonitis .....   | 1   |
| “ “ “ and mitral regurgitation .....                 | 1 | “ traumatic .....   | 2   |
| Colitis, ulcerative .....                            | 1 | Phthisis .....  | 15  |
| Cystitis .....                                       | 2 | “ and chronic pleuritis .....                                     | 1   |
| Dislocation of shoulder, comp. ....                  | 1 | Pneumonia, lobar .....  | 1   |
| Dysentery and abortion .....                         | 1 | “ “ typhoid .....   | 1   |
| Endocarditis, acute ulcerative .....                 | 1 | “ lobular .....   | 1   |
| Empyema .....  | 1 | Poisoning, opium .....  | 2   |
| Encephalitis, with fatty degeneration of heart ..... | 1 | Sarcoma of axilla .....   | 1   |
| Encephalitis and pachymeningitis ..                  | 1 | “ of back .....   | 1   |
| Erysipelas and delirium tremens ..                   | 1 | “ of scalp .....  | 1   |
| Ether .....  | 1 | “ of sup. maxilla .....   | 1   |
| Fever, puerperal .....                               | 1 | Senility .....  | 3   |
| “ and secondary hemorrhage .....                     | 1 | Septicæmia .....  | 1   |
| “ typhoid .....                                      | 6 | Shock .....   | 5   |
| “ “ with lobular pneumonia .....                     | 1 | Stricture of urethra and urethral fever ..                        | 2   |
| Fract. femur comp. with erysipelas ..                | 1 | Tricuspid and mitral regurgitation and stenosis .....             | 1   |
| Gangrene, senile .....                               | 1 | Tuberculosis, acute .....   | 1   |
| Intestinal obstruction .....                         | 1 | Tumors of brain .....   | 2   |
| Meningitis .....                                     | 1 | Total .....   | 107 |
| Mitral regurgitation .....                           | 1 |   |     |
| “ and aortic regurgitation .....                     | 1 |   |     |
| “ regurgitation and chronic pleuritis .....          | 1 |   |     |

Fourteen of the above died within 24 hours, and three others within 48 hours after admission.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 20, 1885.

*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-eighth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the hospital December 31st, 1883, was 125—88 males and 37 females; admitted during the year 1884, 748—523 males, 225 females; making a total of 873 under treatment—611 males, 262 females. Of this number 314 were discharged cured, 210 improved, 118 unimproved, 107 died, and 124 remained under treatment December 31st, 1884. There were 22 births, 7 males, 15 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 6,050 $\frac{1}{2}$ , of which 4,265 $\frac{3}{4}$  were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 78 different towns and villages in this State, and 14 other States or countries. Of those admitted, 405 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 136; the lowest 100; the daily average 115 $\frac{7}{10}$ . The attendants and other inmates have averaged 70 $\frac{2}{10}$ , making a total of 185 $\frac{9}{10}$ .

The current receipts, less amount refunded to patients, were \$36,038.20; the current expenses were \$39,647.73; excess of expenses over receipts, \$3,609.53.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$6.43 per week.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

*Dr.*

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1884. To amounts received:     |             |
| From balance January 22, 1884, | \$36.60     |
| U. S. Marine patients,         | 2,341.00    |
| State soldier patients,        | 7,381.83    |
| Town patients,                 | 11,785.96   |
| Self-paying patients,          | 8,903.76    |
| State appropriation,           | 5,000.00    |
| Board,                         | 735.43      |
| Sales,                         | 332.97      |
| Sundries,                      | 27.00       |
|                                | <hr/>       |
|                                | \$36,544.55 |
| Orders on Treasurer,           | 35,721.19   |
|                                | <hr/>       |
|                                | \$72,265.74 |

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1884. By amounts expended :

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| For Flour, 4,537 pounds,             | \$149.13    |
| Meal and Rice, 4,431 pounds,         | 187.36      |
| Bread and Crackers, 32,156 pounds,   | 1,348.11    |
| Cake,                                | 184.45      |
| Butter, 6,760 pounds,                | 1,808.74    |
| Cheese, 409½ pounds,                 | 58.98       |
| Meat, 50,646½ pounds,                | 6,322.41    |
| Poultry, 4,880½ pounds,              | 988.49      |
| Fish and oysters, 9,832 pounds,      | 1,183.17    |
| Vegetables and fruit,                | 1,199.45    |
| Eggs, 3,928 dozen,                   | 1,084.75    |
| Groceries,                           | 1,295.80    |
| Milk, 62,894 quarts,                 | 2,975.99    |
| Ice, 175,880 pounds,                 | 351.76      |
| Liquors, -                           | 404.50      |
| Ale and Beer,                        | 236.97      |
| Medicines,                           | 1,463.35    |
| Instruments,                         | 586.21      |
| Surgical Dressings,                  | 803.25      |
| Fuel, -                              | 3,253.18    |
| Gas, 599,100 feet,                   | 1,138.29    |
| Water,                               | 170.00      |
| Furniture and crockery,              | 453.29      |
| Clothes and bedding,                 | 646.84      |
| Repairs and improvements,            | 1,634.28    |
| Postage, printing and stationery,    | 360.34      |
| Barn and farm expenses,              | 233.87      |
| Tools,                               | 33.45       |
| Salaries and wages,                  | 8,322.24    |
| Potash and soap,                     | 209.23      |
| Sundries,                            | 559.85      |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
| Special improvements, (ventilation), | \$39,647.73 |
| Refunded to patients,                | 203.04      |
| Deposited with treasurer,            | 31,195.78   |
| Balance, January 20, 1885,           | 749.44      |
|                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                      | \$72,265.74 |

Total current hospital expenses, - \$39,647.73  
 Less board of superintendent's family and others, - 735.43

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\$38,912.30

Number of weeks of hospital care, 6,050½.

Cost per week per patient, - 6.43

Total cost of food, - 18,786.83

Average daily number of inmates, 185 $\frac{9}{10}$ .Cost of food per day per inmate, - 27 $\frac{6}{10}$ c.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER.

Superintendent.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

|  | Males.     | Females.   | Total      |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Remaining in hospital, Dec. 31, 1883 .....     | 88         | 37         | 125        |
| Admitted during 1884 .....                     | 523        | 225        | 748        |
| <b>Total</b> .....                             | <b>611</b> | <b>262</b> | <b>873</b> |
| Of this number there have been discharged—     |            |            |            |
| Cured .....                                    | 222        | 92         | 314        |
| Improved .....                                 | 144        | 66         | 210        |
| Unimproved .....                               | 78         | 40         | 118        |
| Died .....                                     | 80         | 27         | 107        |
|  | 524        | 225        | 749        |
| Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1884 ..... | 87         | 37         | 124        |
| <b>Total</b> .....                             | <b>611</b> | <b>262</b> | <b>873</b> |

## MONTHLY ADMISSIONS

From January 1, 1884, to December 31, 1884.

|                    | Males.     | Females.   | Total.     |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| January .....      | 46         | 14         | 60         |
| February .....     | 38         | 16         | 54         |
| March .....        | 40         | 18         | 58         |
| April .....        | 39         | 19         | 58         |
| May .....          | 51         | 24         | 75         |
| June .....         | 37         | 19         | 56         |
| July .....         | 50         | 19         | 69         |
| August .....       | 47         | 23         | 70         |
| September .....    | 46         | 18         | 64         |
| October .....      | 49         | 21         | 70         |
| November .....     | 34         | 13         | 47         |
| December .....     | 46         | 21         | 67         |
| <b>Total</b> ..... | <b>523</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>748</b> |

## NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

|               |    |                            |     |                     |            |
|---------------|----|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|------------|
| Armenia ..... | 2  | Hayti .....                | 1   | Russia .....        | 2          |
| Belgium ..... | 3  | Hungary .....              | 1   | Sweden .....        | 17         |
| Bohemia ..... | 2  | Ireland .....              | 184 | Switzerland .....   | 3          |
| Canada .....  | 6  | Italy .....                | 17  | Scotland .....      | 10         |
| Denmark ..... | 9  | New Brunswick .....        | 2   | United States ..... | 372        |
| England ..... | 27 | Nova Scotia .....          | 3   | Wales .....         | 4          |
| Finland ..... | 6  | Norway .....               | 4   | Unknown .....       | 8          |
| France .....  | 4  | Poland .....               | 1   |                     |            |
| Germany ..... | 59 | Prince Edward's Isle ..... | 1   |                     |            |
|               |    |                            |     |                     | <b>748</b> |



## AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

|                          | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Under 15 years.....      | 20     | 14       | 34     |
| From 15 to 20 years..... | 20     | 18       | 38     |
| “ 20 to 30 “.....        | 128    | 82       | 210    |
| “ 30 to 40 “.....        | 105    | 54       | 159    |
| “ 40 to 50 “.....        | 108    | 27       | 135    |
| “ 50 to 60 “.....        | 80     | 15       | 95     |
| “ 60 to 70 “.....        | 46     | 13       | 59     |
| “ 70 to 80 “.....        | 13     | 1        | 14     |
| “ 80 to 90 “.....        | 2      | 1        | 3      |
| “ 90 to 100 “.....       | 1      |          | 1      |
| Total.....               | 523    | 225      | 748    |

## TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| U. S. Marine Patients..... | 294½ weeks. |
| State Soldier “.....       | 1337½ “     |
| Town.....                  | 2746½ “     |
| Self-paying.....           | 1249½ “     |
| Free Bed.....              | 242 “       |
| Charity.....               | 181½ “      |
| Total.....                 | 6050½ “     |

## REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT

In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1884.

|                        |                      |                        |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Allingtown..... 1      | Ledyard..... 1       | Portland..... 4        |
| Andover..... 1         | Litchfield..... 1    | Prospect..... 1        |
| Ansonia..... 18        | Madison..... 1       | Reynolds Bridge..... 1 |
| Bethany..... 3         | Meriden..... 32      | Seymour..... 6         |
| Birmingham..... 14     | Middlefield..... 1   | Shelton..... 1         |
| Branchville..... 1     | Middle Haddam..... 1 | Stratford..... 2       |
| Branford..... 5        | Middletown..... 4    | Stony Creek..... 1     |
| Bridgeport..... 13     | Milford..... 1       | South Norwalk..... 4   |
| Bridgewater..... 1     | Morris..... 1        | Southington..... 13    |
| Campville..... 1       | Mt. Carmel..... 1    | Southport..... 4       |
| Central Village..... 2 | Naugatuck..... 6     | South Windsor..... 1   |
| Cheshire..... 4        | New Britain..... 2   | Thomaston..... 4       |
| Clintonville..... 1    | Newington..... 1     | Torrington..... 4      |
| Collinsville..... 4    | Niantic..... 1       | Union City..... 1      |
| Danbury..... 3         | New Haven..... 373   | Unionville..... 1      |
| Darien..... 1          | New London..... 5    | Wallingford..... 11    |
| Derby..... 3           | New Milford..... 1   | Washington..... 1      |
| East Hartford..... 1   | North Haven..... 3   | Waterbury..... 19      |
| East Haven..... 1      | North Madison..... 1 | Watertown..... 2       |
| Fair Haven..... 26     | Noroton..... 1       | West Haven..... 9      |
| Guilford..... 3        | Norwalk..... 1       | Westville..... 6       |
| Hamden..... 4          | Norwich..... 3       | Westbrook..... 2       |
| Hartford..... 1        | Orange..... 1        | Winsted..... 6         |
| Huntington..... 1      | Plainville..... 1    | Woodbury..... 1        |
| Killingworth..... 1    | Plymouth..... 1      | Woodbridge..... 1      |
|                        |                      | Woodville..... 1       |



## OCCUPATION.

|                      |    |                      |    |                          |    |
|----------------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Attorney clerks..... | 2  | Farmers.....         | 18 | Printers.....            | 2  |
| Bartenders.....      | 5  | Firemen.....         | 2  | Porters.....             | 3  |
| Bakers.....          | 4  | Foundrymen.....      | 2  | Quarrymen.....           | 3  |
| Barbers.....         | 5  | Gardeners.....       | 3  | Rag pickers.....         | 2  |
| Blacksmiths.....     | 14 | Grinders.....        | 3  | Restaurant keeper.....   | 1  |
| Bell-boy.....        | 1  | Grocers.....         | 4  | Roll grinder.....        | 1  |
| Brakemen.....        | 6  | Hatters.....         | 5  | Rubber workers.....      | 5  |
| Brass-workers.....   | 3  | Harness maker.....   | 1  | Saloon keeper.....       | 1  |
| Bootblack.....       | 1  | Hostlers.....        | 5  | Sawyers.....             | 2  |
| Book-keepers.....    | 6  | Housekeeper.....     | 1  | Seamstress.....          | 1  |
| Bottler.....         | 1  | House work.....      | 19 | Seamen.....              | 70 |
| Brewers.....         | 2  | Janitors.....        | 2  | Servants.....            | 14 |
| Burnishers.....      | 2  | Joiners.....         | 8  | Shirt maker.....         | 1  |
| Buffers.....         | 2  | Laborers.....        | 92 | Silk spinner.....        | 1  |
| Butchers.....        | 2  | Laundresses.....     | 3  | Spring grinder.....      | 1  |
| Cabinet maker.....   | 1  | Lock maker.....      | 1  | Spoon makers.....        | 2  |
| Carpenters.....      | 9  | Machinists.....      | 8  | Stone cutters.....       | 2  |
| Carriage makers..... | 3  | Masons.....          | 8  | Tailors.....             | 5  |
| Cartridge maker..... | 1  | Mechanics.....       | 3  | Teachers.....            | 2  |
| Canvassers.....      | 2  | Marble worker.....   | 1  | Teamsters.....           | 14 |
| Cigar maker.....     | 1  | Melter.....          | 1  | Tool maker.....          | 1  |
| Clerks.....          | 2  | Metal turner.....    | 1  | Varnisher.....           | 1  |
| Clock makers.....    | 5  | Milliners.....       | 2  | Veterinary surgeons..... | 2  |
| Clergyman.....       | 1  | Molders.....         | 6  | Waiters.....             | 4  |
| Coachmen.....        | 3  | Nurses.....          | 2  | Watchmen.....            | 7  |
| Coach maker.....     | 1  | Oiler.....           | 1  | Watchmaker.....          | 1  |
| Conductor, R. R..... | 1  | Opera singer.....    | 1  | Waitresses.....          | 3  |
| Cooks.....           | 3  | Packer.....          | 1  | Ward-master.....         | 1  |
| Copper-workers.....  | 2  | Painters.....        | 20 | Weaver.....              | 1  |
| Cutlers.....         | 4  | Paper box maker..... | 1  | Wire workers.....        | 5  |
| Electro-plater.....  | 1  | Paper hanger.....    | 1  | Wheel makers.....        | 3  |
| Engineers.....       | 3  | Physician.....       | 1  | Woodcutter.....          | 1  |
| Engraver.....        | 1  | Primer.....          | 1  | Woodturner.....          | 1  |

## DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1884.

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Publishers have kindly furnished the hospital with the New Haven Daily Palladium, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Union, and the New Haven Morning News. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the Independent and the Youths' Companion, children of Dr. G. B. Farnam the St. Nicholas Magazine.

### BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. Judd, May T. Potter, Mrs. N. E. Bailey, Leonard S. Hotchkiss (11 times), Dr. Robertson, Mrs. M. F. Tyler, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Watson V. Coe, Miss Bunnell, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. H. T. Blake, George H. Ford, Mrs. W. D. Clarkson (4 times), Thomas R. Trowbridge, Jr., Mrs. Edward Howarth, Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. L. H. Wood, Mrs. J. R. Pinkerman, Mrs. Jonathan Ingersoll, William Gale, Edward Butler, Miss Blakeslee, Mrs. Hoadley, Y. W. C. Association, Sherman E. Grannis, L. Bostwick, Mrs. E. E. Atwater, Charles H. Farnam, Mrs. Edward Stevens, Mrs. William C. Robinson, Mrs. Everit, G. W. Smith, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hoadley B. Ives, Mrs. J. B. Rowe, F. R. Bliss, Mrs. Moriarty.

### CLOTHING, OLD LINEN AND OLD MUSLIN.

Mrs. Corey, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. R. Bell, Miss Yale, Mrs. C. A. Lindsley, Mrs. H. T. Blake, Mrs. Dr. L. H. Wood, Mrs. Jonas Ullman, Mrs. O. A. Thayer, Dr. Thomas H. Russell, Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Curtiss, Mrs. Gardner Morse, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Kimberly, Mrs. Philo Chatfield, Mrs. Hemingway, Mrs. S. Merwin, H. W. Galpin, C. W. Townsend, S. G. Thorn, Mrs. Frink, Mrs. James G. English, Mrs. B. Healey, Grace Church, Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Sperry, Miss Learned, Mrs. E. Bassett, Miss Bailey, Mrs. S. Whitlock, Young Ladies' Sewing Society, Mrs. D. L. Gardiner, Mrs. R. J. Miner, Mrs. Creemer, Mrs. S. H. Street, Mrs. B. B. Savage, Mrs. J. D. Baldwin, Mrs. J. D. Reynolds, Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. T. H. Pease, Mrs. J. Peck, Mrs. Peets, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. C. F. Platt, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. J. E. Earle, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. E. D. Page, Mrs. J. H. Klock, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. Burritt Hitchcock, Mr. Bunnell, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. R. M. Everit, Mrs. J. B. Carrington, Mrs. Beecher, Mrs. Geo. P. Marvin, Mrs. Samuel Hitchcock, Mrs. Homer Fitch, Mrs. I. R. Cornwall, Mrs. L. Herrick,

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#### FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Miss Susan Bradley, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. G. S. Lord, Trinity S. School, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Hodson, John Cramer, Mrs. Geo. Botsford, Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. J. P. Rowe, Dr. J. S. Walker, Mrs. Sturgis Whitlock, Mrs. S. W. Whitlock, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Trowbridge, Miss English.

#### FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Griffing, 2 dozen silver-plated tea spoons; Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Christmas letters; Mrs. S. W. Whitlock, nuts and fruit; Church of the Redeemer, toys; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$25.00; Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, \$50.00; turkeys from Dr. E. H. Bishop, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Edwin Marble, Miss Lillie T. Parker, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. J. B. Carrington, Mrs. Everit, Robert Morgan, Wm. O. Armstrong, Mrs. John A. Porter, Mrs. E. C. Read, Mrs. John English; 1 bbl. apples, 1 box oranges, 1 bunch bananas and 5 lbs. grapes, Mrs. F. P. Gilbert.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. E. G. Thompson, a variety of surgical and medical appliances; Mrs. Jonathan Ingersoll, wardrobe; John Sheffield Porter, stuffed rolling and reclining chair; Dr. W. H. Carmalt, hammock support; Dr. R. O. DuBois, one pair crutches; Miss M. R. Fellowes, three jars pickles; Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, cakes and biscuit; Mrs. Rogers, two feather pillows; Mrs. Briggs and Miss Weber,  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen bottles grape wine; Mrs. Demarest, pop corn for children; Mrs. Stoughton, medical appliances; Miss Newton, spoons; Mrs. Harwood, eggs; Mrs. Whitlock, ice cream; Rev. E. E. Beardsley, one air cushion and two dressing rubbers; Mrs. Dr. Bacon, 3 dozen stand covers.

## HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

RECEIVED BY L. S. HOTCHKISS, TREASURER.

The days set apart for this collection in 1884 were Saturday and Sunday, January 12th and 13th.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| From William L. Andrews, New York.....          | \$25.00 |
| German Lutheran Evangelical Trinity Church..... | 11.11   |
| Westville Congregational Church.....            | 30.12   |
| Church of the United Society (North).....       | 194.13  |
| First Church (Center).....                      | 978.69  |
| St. John's Episcopal Church.....                | 7.40    |
| R. S. Fellowes.....                             | 50.00   |
| Trinity Episcopal Church.....                   | 467.30  |
| Pierpont B. Foster.....                         | 25.00   |
| Christ Church.....                              | 18.56   |
| Howard Avenue Congregational Church.....        | 14.13   |
| Seymour Congregational Church.....              | 18.75   |
| G. W. Folwell, Waterbury.....                   | 2.00    |
| Grace Church, Fair Haven.....                   | 10.00   |
| William McCall, Branford.....                   | 1.00    |
| St. Thomas Church, New Haven.....               | 58.29   |
| Church of the Sacred Heart.....                 | 63.00   |
| T. F. Hammer, Branford.....                     | 5.00    |
| Mrs. F. B. Dexter.....                          | 25.00   |
| Church of the Redeemer.....                     | 305.00  |
| Trinity Chapel.....                             | 10.61   |
| Church of the Ascension.....                    | 9.03    |
| Christ Church, Guilford.....                    | 23.20   |
| First Congregational Church, Fair Haven.....    | 33.35   |
| Davenport Congregational Church.....            | 79.06   |
| Dwight Place Church.....                        | 51.95   |
| Trinity M. E. Church.....                       | 34.37   |
| W. D. Whitney.....                              | 10.00   |
| First Congregational Church, Waterbury.....     | 29.40   |
| St. Paul's Church, New Haven.....               | 173.04  |
| Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven.....   | 23.13   |
| Humphrey Street Congregational Church.....      | 66.63   |
| St. Boniface (R. C.) Church.....                | 12.00   |
| Friend in Westville.....                        | 2.00    |
| Congregation Mishkan Israel.....                | 144.75  |
| Congregational Church, Birmingham.....          | 22.00   |
| First M. E. Church.....                         | 56.12   |
| E. J. B.....                                    | 5.00    |
| St. John's (R. C.) Church.....                  | 22.25   |
| Congregation B'nai Sholom.....                  | 11.00   |
| Calvary Baptist Church.....                     | 125.00  |
| College Street Church.....                      | 20.00   |
| Mrs. Ann S. Farnam.....                         | 200.00  |

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\$3,473.37



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,*  
*In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.*

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|----------|--|-------------------|
| 1884.    | To orders of prudential committee paid.....                                | \$34,790.95       |
| Jan. 2.  | Amount paid for 261 shares New Haven County National Bank stock.....       | 3,654.00          |
|          | Amount paid for seventeen shares Yale National Bank stock.....             | 2,006.00          |
| Feb. 21. | Amount paid for seventeen shares New Haven County National Bank stock..... | 238.00            |
| July 5.  | Amount paid for six shares Second National Bank stock....                  | 918.00            |
| Aug. 7.  | Amount paid for two shares Merchant's National Bank stock.....             | 122.00            |
| Dec. 31. | Balance to new account.....  | 5,675.08          |
|          |  | <hr/> \$47,404.03 |

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| 1884.   |                                  |                |
| Jan. 1. | By balance old account.....      | \$7,468.44     |
|         | Collections Hospital Sunday..... | 3,473.37       |
|         | Donations, etc., as follows:     |                |
|         | F. E. Beckwith.....              | \$25.00        |
|         | A friend.....                    | 400.00         |
|         | Mrs. Wm. Fitch.....              | 50.00          |
|         | A friend.....                    | 500.00         |
|         | A friend.....                    | 1,000.00       |
|         | Julia M. Olmsted estate.....     |                |
|         | (legacy).....                    | 1,000.00       |
|         |                                  | <hr/> 2,975.00 |

## Interest as follows:

|           |   |                   |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Mar. 21.  | Six months interest to March 15, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note..... | \$125.00          |
| April 5.  | Dividend Yale National Bank stock, 17 shares.....                             | 51.00             |
| April 16. | Dividend New Haven County National Bank stock, 600 shares.....                | 210.00            |
| May 8.    | Six months interest to May 5, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note.....   | 375.00            |
| June 12.  | Six months interest to Dec. 7, 1884, on M. C. & H. W. E. Munson note.....     | 125.00            |
| July 2.   | Six months interest, City of New Haven bonds.....                             | 100.00            |
|           | Dividend Merchant's National Bank stock, 98 shares.....                       | 171.50            |
| Sept. 23. | Six months interest to Sept. 15, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note..... | 125.00            |
| Oct. 7.   | Dividend Yale National Bank stock, 17 shares.....                             | 51.00             |
|           | Dividend New Haven County National Bank stock, 600 shares.....                | 210.00            |
| Nov. 18.  | Six months interest to Nov. 5, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note.....  | 375.00            |
| Dec. 10.  | Six months interest to June 7, 1885, on M. C. & H. W. E. Munson note.....     | 125.00            |
|           | 31. Six months interest on City of New Haven bonds, due Jan 1, 1885.....      | 100.00            |
|           | Dividend Merchant's National Bank, 100 shares.....                            | 175.00            |
|           | Dividend Second National Bank, 6 shares.....                                  | 30.00             |
|           |   | <hr/> 2,348.50    |
|           | Amounts received from J. H. Starkweather, superintendent.....                 | 31,138.72         |
|           |   | <hr/> \$47,404.03 |

## SECURITIES ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1885.

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| Four bonds of the City of New Haven, par.....                    | \$4,000.00 |
| One hundred shares Merchant's National Bank stock, par.....      | 5,000.00   |
| Six hundred shares New Haven County National Bank stock, par.... | 6,000.00   |
| Seventeen shares Yale National Bank stock, par.....              | 1,700.00   |
| Note Town of New Haven (5 per cent.) .....                       | 15,000.00  |
| Note Town of New Haven (5 per cent.).....                        | 5,000.00   |
| Note Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson.....                            | 5,000.00   |
| Six shares Second National Bank stock, par.....                  | 600.00     |

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

New Haven, January 1, 1885.

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and have compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the treasurer, and have compared the payments therein made with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that there was, on the first day of January, 1885, a balance \$5,675.08 to the credit of the treasurer in the New Haven County National Bank.

We also find that the treasurer has in his possession belonging to said Hospital Society the following securities and property, namely :

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Four bonds of the City of New Haven, par.....   | \$4,000.00 |
| Note of Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson, secured by mortgage.....                                 | 5,000.00   |
| Note of the Town of New Haven for.....  | 15,000.00  |
| Note of the Town of New Haven for.....  | 5,000.00   |
| One hundred shares of the capital stock of the Merchant's National Bank, New Haven, par ..... | 5,000.00   |
| Six hundred shares of the capital stock of the New Haven County National Bank.....            | 6,000.00   |
| Seventeen shares of the capital stock of the Yale National Bank, par..                        | 1,700.00   |
| Six shares of the capital stock of the Second National Bank, par ....                         | 600.00     |

(Signed)

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE,  
HENRY D. WHITE.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

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NEW HAVEN, Jan. 19, 1885.

*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :*

GENTLEMEN : In accordance with custom, the Board of Visitors herewith submits its annual report on those matters over which it has supervision.

Visits have been made by members of the board with considerable regularity through every month of the year, and all parts of the hospital, with its adjacent buildings and grounds, have been minutely inspected from time to time and at different hours of the day. Inquiry has been made of patients with regard to their food and care, and every means at our disposal has been taken to learn the actual condition of the premises and the treatment which its inmates have received.

It is a pleasure to be able to say that we are satisfied from our inspection that the hospital is performing the work for which it was established in a way as efficient as possible with the means at its disposal.

We note with satisfaction that the two measures recommended in the last annual report of this board have been carried out. The hospital superintendent has been appointed a special constable, so giving him what authority was before lacking to deal with unruly patients, and the paint-shop, formerly in the main building, has been removed from it, thus lessening materially the risk from fire.

The suggestions of the visitors with regard to minor matters requiring attention have been promptly carried out by the superintendent.

So far as has been observed by the board and learned from the uniform testimony of the patients, the nurses have been most efficient and kindly in their offices for the sick, and we regard the training school and the services of its pupils as invaluable, believing that in no other way could the hospital secure such suitable care for the unfortunates committed to it.

The visiting board desires to recommend :

First, That the hospital be provided with hand-grenades and fire-extinguishers, and also with stand-pipes and hose attached on each floor, to lessen to the utmost the fire risk.

Second, That the refrigerator room, which is quite too small for the needs of the hospital during the summer months, be considerably enlarged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. BOWERS, Chairman,  
MAX ADLER,  
E. W. BABCOCK,  
PATRICK MAHER,  
C. W. PARK,  
E. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

*To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :*

GENTLEMEN : The Board of Lady Visitors have, during the past year, continued to hold monthly meetings on the first Wednesday in each month, at which the reports of the visitors for the month are read and the affairs of the hospital discussed. Not a single week during the past year has elapsed without some member of our board visiting the hospital, and usually as many as four, or more, visits a week are made. We therefore feel that we can speak with some little authority when we say that, in our opinion, the management of the hospital deserves the entire confidence of the public.

It gives us pleasure to be able to testify to the faithful discharge by Mr. Starkweather of the duties of his office, and we believe, also, that he takes a kindly interest in the welfare of each patient. Mrs. Wise, the housekeeper, is most economical and efficient. As for the head nurse, Miss Creemer, and the nurses under her, we cannot speak too highly of them. Their unwearied patience ; their cheerfulness ; their devotion to their work, has again and again aroused our admiration. Not only do



they minister to bodily ailments, but their softening, refining, cheering influence has touched and elevated many a hardened man, has soothed and brightened many a weary soul. Some of the patients seem never to have known what disinterested kindness was until they came to the hospital, and it is touching indeed to hear their simple gratitude.

The pains taken to make Thanksgiving and Christmas bright spots in their lives is not wasted, and if those who so generously give the means to provide for their entertainment on these days could see the pleasure they give, they would be a hundred times rewarded.

We cannot close this report without some mention of the kind and skillful physicians and surgeons who give so much of their valuable time and best thought to the healing of these poor suffering ones. It is a Christ-like work. May He reward them for it!

We could earnestly wish that during the coming year some place might be provided for women suffering from nervous diseases and needing greater quiet than it is possible for them to have in the wards where they are at present. If the public only knew how much the hospital is cramped for want of means to make desired improvements, we think they would give more liberally, and we can assure them that such money would be most carefully and judiciously expended.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MARY T. EVERIT, Chairman.

MAY R. J. DuBOIS,

Secretary for the Board of Lady Visitors.

## ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

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1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Insane persons* and those suffering from *contagious diseases* are not admitted.

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NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of        of        into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for        use, and pay to the treasurer of said institution        dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

*Principal.*

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

*Surety.*

## APPENDIX.

## CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for nurses has been established for eleven years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six ; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the prudential committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant twenty-nine. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others ; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the president, vice-president, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. Chas. B. Richards, 43 Elm street, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.



# Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

## COMMITTEES OF ADMINISTRATION.

### *President.*

MRS. NOAH PORTER.

### *Vice-Presidents.*

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mrs. T. D. Woolsey, New Haven,   | Mrs. Samuel Colt, Hartford,       |
| Mrs. H. Farnam, New Haven.       | Mrs. G. M. Bartholomew, Hartford. |
| Mrs. D. C. Sanford, New Milford, | Mrs. Edwin Harwood, New Haven,    |
| Mrs. F. J. Kingsbury, Waterbury. |                                   |

### *Treasurer.*

Mr. Charles A. Sheldon.

### *Secretary.*

Mrs. Charles B. Richards.

### *Auditors.*

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. Wilbur F. Day, | Mr. Arthur D. Osborne. |
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### *Committee on Finance.*

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Mr. Charles A. Sheldon,   | Mr. John B. Fitch, |
| Mr. Jeremiah A. Bishop,   | Mr. Wilbur F. Day, |
| Ex-Gov. James E. English. |                    |

### *Executive Committee.*

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Noah, Porter, Chairman, | Mrs. H. E. M. Babcock,    |
| Mrs. William Fitch,          | Mrs. Henry Trowbridge,    |
| Mrs. William Gale,           | Mrs. Lester Bradner,      |
| Miss Emily Betts,            | Miss Susan Bradley,       |
| Mrs. Francis Bacon,          | Mrs. Edwin Harwood,       |
| Mrs. Wm. E. McKee,           | Mrs. George E. Day,       |
| Mrs. S. H. Chapman,          | Francis Bacon, M.D.,      |
| Mrs. F. Wayland,             | Moses C. White, M.D.,     |
| Mrs. E. M. Reed,             | George B. Farnam, M.D.,   |
| Mrs. T. W. T. Curtiss,       | Leonard J. Sanford, M.D., |
| Mrs. Daniel C. Eaton,        | Wm. L. Bradley, M.D.      |
| Mrs. L. J. Sanford,          |                           |

### *Lady Superintendent of the School.*

Miss L. M. Creemer.

### *Assistant.*

Mrs. C. Pike.

## NURSES' HOME.

### *Visiting Committee.*

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Mrs. William Fitch, | Mrs. F. Wayland. |
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### *Matron.*

Miss Wilcox.









